two aprons is to be done. Materials for laying concrete have been collected at site. Laterite stones for the third apron are being carted to site.

(ii) *Excavation of supply channel.*—The channel has been excavated in the first two reaches and the work is in progress in the third reach. Out of the total estimated quantity of earthwork of 1,400 units, 700 units have been done so far and further earthwork is in progress.

The remaining items of work, viz., construction of a head sluice to the supply channel, sluice in the off-takes of supply channel for supplying tank and cross masonry works are yet to be taken up.

(b) Every effort is being made to complete the work by the end of October 1958.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : தண்ணீர் தானம் செய்கின்ற காவேரி எப்பொழுது அன்னதான காவேரியாக மாறியது ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : காவேரி தண்ணீர் தானம் செய்யப்படுவதால் தான் அன்னதானத்திற்கு இடம் கொடுக்கிறது என்று கொள்ளலாம்.

Industries

* 50-F *Q.*—**Sri A. A. RASHEED** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that less number of industries have been started in the Madras State in the year 1957–58 compared to the previous years; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government intend to take to attract capital for starting industries?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Sir, in a recent Press statement it was stated that less number of industries were started in the Madras State?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : The hon. Member is only giving information and he is not putting any question.

Mr. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has stated that the hon. Member is only giving information and not asking any question. So, let the hon. Member give information in the form of a question. (Laughter.)

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Is there any truth in the statement that the North Indian capital was scared away by the Dravida Kazhagam, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and 'We Tamil' movements against the North Indian capitalists and industrialists?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the premise is wrong. In 1956–57, 23 licences were granted in the Madras State for starting industries. In 1957–58, 36 licences had been granted.